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REMARKS

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Election/Restriction

This Response to Restriction Requirement is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 4, 2008 in which the Examiner required restriction of the claims under 35 USC § 121 to the following two inventions:

- I. Claims 1-2, 4, 11, 14, 19, and 24-30, drawn to a safety cutting tool including a blade support member and a sliding guide together defining a blade support opening having an entrance height to establish a predetermined maximum size of an object.
- II. Claims 22 and 23, drawn to a safety cutting tool including a hook-like cutting edge disposed at a distal end of the sliding guide, and a blade support that at least partially encloses the hook-like cutting edge.

Further, upon election of Invention I, the Examiner requires election of one of the inventions in the following groups:

- IA. Claims 2 and 4.
- IB. Claim 14.
- IC. Claim 19.
- ID. Claims 25 and 26.
- IE. Claims 27 and 28.
- IF. Claims 29 and 30.

Assignee hereby elects without traverse to prosecute Invention I, claim 1, and claims 25 and 26 of group ID. Claims 2, 4, 14, 19, and 27-32 are withdrawn herein. Assignee hereby reserves the right under 39 USC § 121 to present claims 2, 4, 14, 19, and 27-32 and/or any other claims directed to Inventions I and II in a divisional application.

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Claim Amendments

Applicant has added new claims 33-37. Support for the claim amendments may be found in the Specification at least in FIGS. 2, 3, and 5, and their accompanying text, for example, as well as withdrawn claims 2, 4, 14, 27, and 28. No new matter has been added.

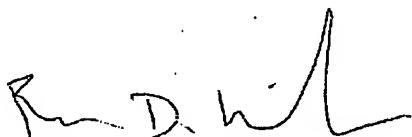
In summary, the applicant elects without traverse to prosecute claims 1, 25, and 26, and adds new claims 33-37.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Brian D. Wichner at (503) 439-6500 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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